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THE

Annual Official Reports

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM, MASS.

1914 1914

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FOR

The Financial Year

ENDING

The 31st December, 1914.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officials

OF

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending Feb. 1, 1915.

THE BARRE GAZETTE MOTOR PRINT,
BARRE, MASS.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1914.

Town Clerk.

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915

Selectmen:

GARDNER M. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1916
GILBERT P. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1917

Assessors:

WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1916
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1917

Overseers of the Poor:

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1915
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1916
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1917

School Committee:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915
J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1916
MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1917

Measurers of Lumber:
W. R. DEAN, W. A. WOODIS, JAMES LEYDEN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:
WAYLAND ANGIER.

Field Drivers:
WAYLAND ANGIER, J. W. DWELLY, A. K. REED.

Cattle Inspector:
HENRY W. STONE.

Undertaker:
JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

Town Agent:
FRANK S. CONANT.

School Superintendent:
ROBERT I. BRAMHALL.

Forest Fireward:
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

Library Trustees:

MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1917

Cemetery Committee:

MASON S. DEANE,	Term expires 1915
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1917

Collector:
EDMUND CODY.

Treasurer:
JOHN W. DWELLY.

Auditor:
WALTER M. ROBINSON.

Tree Warden:
HENRY W. GRIMES.

Highway Surveyor:
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

Fence Viewers:

JESSE ALLEN, S. H. HASKELL, C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

Constables:

WILLIAM C. AYERS, WALTER R. DEAN,
FRANK L. CHEEVER, HENRY W. BARTLETT,
FREDERICK EXLEY, FRED H. PARMENTER.

Measurers of Wood and Bark:

A. C. MORSE, FRED PARMENTER, S. R. DEAN.

REPORT OF
THE SELECTMEN.

The selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1914:

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town clerk for services,	$37.30	
Postage and express,	8.99	
		46.29

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	$35.00	
Postage and express,	7.64	
		42.64

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	75.00	
Postage,	8.25	
Discount on taxes,	231.42	
One collector's book,	1.25	
		315.92

SELECTMEN.

Paid Gardner M. Dean,	25.00	
John P. Day,	25.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	25.00	
Postage and telephoning,	4.54	
		79.54

ASSESSORS.

Paid Sylvester H. Haskell,	38.75	
Walter A. Woodis,	47.50	
William H. Parkman,	41.25	
Abstracts,	4.55	
		132.05

AUDITOR.

Paid Walter M. Robinson,		25.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid Wayland Angier,	$15.00	
One steel die,	.63	
		15.63

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of paupers,	83.05

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	$4085.80

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	1333.46

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of library,	312.25

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid Frank E. Davis,	6.00
Alfred C. Morse,	6.00
Walter Mclenathan	2.00

Sylvester R. Dean	2.00	
John W. Dwelly,	4.00	
Edward J. Crawford,	4.00	
		24.00

UNDERTAKER.

Paid for services and death returns,		21.50

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid Gardner M. Dean,	6.00	
John P. Day,	4.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	6.00	
Jesse Allen,	10.00	
		26.00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Wayland Angier,	72.29	
Earl Lawless,	50.00	
C. H. Parker & Son,	11.26	
		133.55

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.		24.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge, fire warden,	28.63	
H. K. Barnes Co., supplies,	5.00	
Fighting forest fires,	63.58	
		97.21

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid Edwin Green,	146.80	
J. P. Fairbank,	17.25	
S. F. Woodis,	11.00	
William A. Nye,	39.33	
W. H. Parkman,	10.75	
F. E. Loring,	31.38	
G. L. Butler,	3.45	
		259.96

BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	61.12	
H. W. Stone,	7.50	
M. F. Lincoln,	13.50	
Allie Swindell,	5.10	
Herman Dean,	5.54	
Albert Briggs,	21.81	
Geo. A. Briggs,	44.87	
		159.44

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	875.00	
County tax,	403.00	
		1278.00

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS.

Paid Henry W. Stone,		8.00

STATE AID.

Paid John E. Stone,	60.00	

Horace M. Green,	30.00	
S. Amanda Reed,	56.00	
		146.00

WORCESTER TRUST CO.

Paid for money borrowed,	3500.00	
Interest,	58.33	
		3558.33

POLICE.

Paid William C. Ayres,	4.00	
Fred H. Parmenter,	12.40	
Fred H. Parmenter, 1913,	4.00	
Chas. S. Clifford, 1913,	2.00	
Frank Cheever, 1913,	4.00	
		26.40

STATE ROAD.

Paid for building state road,		2509.71

OPENING ROADS.

Paid for opening roads,		2.21

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Wm. W. Russell care of hall	$67.89	
G. M. Dean, express,	1.13	
Hobbs & Warren, license blanks,	.95	
Gustavus Rogers, printing,	119.50	
Charles F. Gettemy, certifying notes,	10.00	
McKenney & Waterbury Co., lamps,	50.00	
Jennie C. Spooner, printing 1913,	32.50	
G. M. Dean, flags,	2.10	

G. S. Butler, supplies,	5.77	
C. H. Trowbridge, spraying,	9.75	
C. H. Trowbridge, post notices	2.00	
W. & N. E. Gurley, supplies,	27.94	
State Treasurer, 1-4 liquor license,	250.00	
G. S. Butler, bunting,	7.08	
Denholm & McKay, trimming wagon,	8.10	
W. C. Ayres, printing, paint sign,	4.50	
C. H. Trowbridge, rep. furnace pipe,	1.75	
G. M. Dean, labor,	5.00	
W. C. Ayres, paint, and board of decorator,	27.60	
G. S. Butler, stamps and express,	2.10	
W. W. Russell, wood,	27.00	
Town of Rutland, 1-2 expense, boundary stone,	3.87	
C. H. Trowbridge, tree trimming & ex.	2.13	
C. H. Trowbridge, labor,	2.00	
Geo. A. Briggs, repairing flagpole,	.75	
E. J. Sargeant, painting curtain,	40.00	
Dr. E. Douglass, reporting births,	2.00	
C. A. Risley & Co., lettering stones,		11.89
F. E. Davis, care town clock,	25.00	
H. Splaine, return of deaths,	.50	
John L. Smith, fines,	29.20	
F. S. Conant, caterer,	2.25	
H. W. Johns-Manville Co., curtain,	100.00	
Worcester Trust Co., interest,	25.00	
		$907.25
		$15,653.19

Revised List of Jurors.

Frank E. Davis, librarian,
Wayland Angier, farmer,
Sylvester H. Haskell, farmer,
Thomas C. Gaffney, farmer,
Wm. C. Ayres, mechanic,
Fred H. Parmenter, mechanic.
Frederick Exley, farmer.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Selectmen of Oakham.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

March 1, to cash on hand,	$169.61
Received of E. Cody, taxes 1913,	771.20
E. Cody, taxes 1914,	4808.57
State of Massachusetts, fire protection,	32.12
State of Massachusetts, temporary aid,	6.00
State of Massachusetts, burial of pauper,	10.00
State of Massachusetts, compensated inspection of animals,	18.00
State of Massachusetts, Highway Commission,	1500.00
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	1.27
State of Massachusetts, National Bank tax,	45.03
State of Massachusetts, state aid	168.00
State of Massachusetts, tuition special cases,	882.00
State of Massachusetts, support of sick pauper,	16.50
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	16.00
Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.,	5500.00
Worcester County Highway Commission,	500.00
Guy C. Allen, Jr. & Co., liquor license,	1000.00
One innholder certificate,	1.00
One victualler's license,	1.00
Rent of Memorial Hall,	22.50
Overseers of Poor	4.00
Two butchers' licenses,	2.00
One fruit vender's license,	3.00
Boston appropriation for school committee,	117.50
Geo. Parkman, tuition,	7.75
Town of Barre, tuition,	64.50
Cement,	6.00
B. & M. R. R. chemicals	1.08

W. C. Temple, account school superintendent,	187.50
Dog fund returned, (88.2088 per cent.)	136.55
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	7.01
Cemetery committee,	121.30
Auctioneer's license	2.00
E. Cody, discount of taxes, 1914,	231.42
Int. on National Bank deposits,	11.52
Int. on cemetery trust funds,	38.75
American Seating Co.,	29.10
	$16,439.78

Cr.

By paying selectmen's orders,	$15,653.19
Balance in treasury,	786.59
Due Worcester Trust Co.,	5500.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Geo. H. Gould,	$100.00
Daniel H. Dean,	100.00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150.00
Stephen Lincoln,	50.00
Chas. H. Fobes,	100.00
Martha M. Macullar,	100.00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25.00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50.00
Mary E. Brown,	50.00
Weeks & Elliot,	100.00
Sumner Reed,	100.00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100.00
Lewis Allen,	100.00
Jesse Allen,	100.00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50.00
A. J. Holden,	50.00
Lyman S. Walker,	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,
Treasurer.

Collector's Report.

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1913	$773.15	
Interest	36.02	
		$809.17

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	771.20	
Abatement	4.00	
		775.20
		33.97

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection, 1914

State tax	875.00	
County tax	403.00	
Town tax	4630.00	
Over-layings	147.27	
Omitted taxes	27.84	
Interest	1.74	
		$6,084.85

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	5039.99	
Abatement	7.80	
		5047.79
		$1,037.06

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,

Collector.

REPORT OF
Superintendent of Streets.

Paid G. T. Butterfield	$357.96
A. L. Newton,	190.50
Evander Green,	118.23
James Woodis,	108.56
N. Fiske,	83.34
Porter Woodis,	78.00
R. F. Parker,	65.01
George Morse,	63.78
Paul Needham	29.00
James Kennedy,	28.67
Walter R. Dean,	25.90
D. Hallowell,	15.33
John Robinson,	16.01
Winthrop Boyd,	14.00
Justin Rawson,	12.00
H. Green,	13.00
C. H. Trowbridge,	11.01
Ed. Bullard,	12.00
Thomas Gaffney,	10.50
Will Gaffney,	9.00
Fred Parkman,	9.00
N. E. Metal Co.	11.40
H. W. Stone,	6.00
Grace Keep,	5.00
O. D. Webber,	4.00
F. Loring,	5.00
C. H. Parker,	4.59
P. Moran,	4.00
A. Spooner,	1.50

D. La Bonte,	7.80
G. W. Cook,	2.40
Ed. Smitchell,	6.44
J. P. Fairbank,	4.50
	$1333.46

REPORT ON GRAVEL ROAD.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	$495.18
A. Newton	269.00
F. Parkman,	212.75
F. Winslow,	164.50
James Woodis,	124.44
C. George,	120.75
P. Woodis,	116.12
Evander Green	112.00
Paul Needham,	112.00
E. J. Crawford,	106.78
H. D. Bullard,	104.25
W. Boyd,	101.00
H. Green,	74.78
Ed. Green,	65.00
Ed. Bullard,	56.00
D. Hallowell,	53.56
S. A. Dean,	45.00
N. Fisk,	40.00
John Robinson,	28.00
James Leyden,	27.50
A. Spooner,	16.00
W. Snay,	12.00
O. D. Webber,	10.00
White Bros.,	10.00

Mrs. Ripley,	10.00	
F. Boyd,	8.00	
H. Godbeer,	7.10	
N. Green,	6.00	
W. Ayres,	2.00	
		$2509.71
		1333.46
Total,		$3843.17

Cr.

Received from State,	$1500.00	
Received from County,	500.00	
		$2000.00
Total cost to town,		$1843.17

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Superintendent of Streets.

Paid 1913-1914. OPENING HIGHWAY.

Dennis Leyden,	$1.32	
Francis Gaffney,	.89	
		$2.21

REPORT OF THE
OVERSEERS of the POOR.

Paid Dr. E. S. Douglass	$4.00
Dr. W. S. Bates	25.50
Geo. S. Butler	6.05
Jesse Allen, Overseer	24.50
Wm. H. Parkman, Overseer	16.00
C. H. Trowbridge, Overseer	7.00
	$83.05

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
W. H. PARKMAN,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE,
Overseers of the Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

Expenditures.

From Feb. 1, 1914 to Jan. 1, 1915.

Orrin L. Potter and wife, (11 months)	$595.87
Outside Labor,	353.95
Miscellaneous,	441.56
Rent and interest, (11 months),	537.13
Clothes reel,	5.50
Fish and oysters,	66.18
Inside labor,	381.64
Grain,	1483.01
Stock,	148.50
Fertilizer,	97.85
Tools and seeds,	152.59
Potatoes,	25.72
Tobacco,	45.56
Boots and shoes,	39.80
Painting wagons,	20.00
Hardware,	81.38
Dry goods and clothing,	338.30
Groceries,	1426.76
Meat,	405.41
Oil	33.55
Drugs and medical attendance,	19.94
Cutting ice	60.00
Veterinary,	1.50
Insurance,	103.26
Coal,	202.23
Filling Silo	54.85

Blacksmithing,	100.42	
		$7222.46

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	$2183.77	
Eggs and poultry	91.97	
Outside labor,	294.56	
Board received from sundry persons,	195.96	
Stock,	458.72	
Vegetables,	49.95	
Hay,	40.10	
Miscellaneous,	16.45	
Cash received.		
Millbury,	$1204.80	
Hubbardston,	69.32	
Holland,	226.95	
Westminster	226.95	
Holden,	298.33	
Princeton,	250.75	
Rutland,	226.95	
Sterling,	226.95	
Hardwick,	116.20	
Auburn,	41.46	
Charlton,	497.40	
Leicester,	277.97	
Paxton,	226.95	
		$7222.46

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from Feb. 1, 1914, to January 1, 1915, constitutes the following apportionment:—

Town	No. of Inmates	Weeks	Price	Amt.
Millbury	9	253-2-7	$4.756	$1204.80
Hubbardston	1	14-4-7	4.756	69.32
Holland	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Westminster	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Holden	3	62-5-7	4.76	2958.33
Princeton	2	52-5-7	4.756	250.75
Rutland	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Sterling	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Hardwick	1	24-3-7	4.756	116.20
Auburn	1	8-5-7	4.756	41.46
Charlton	3	104-4-7	4.756	497.40
Leicester	4	58-3-7	4.756	277.97
Paxton	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95

Following is a list of Towns comprising the Charlton Poor Farm Association: Hubbardston, Paxton, Auburn, Westminster, Oakham, Princeton, Phillipston, Sterling, Hardwick, Charlton, Millbury, Holden, Holland, Rutland, Leicester.

HOBART RAYMOND, President,
Westminster.

L. M. HANFF, Secretary Pro. Tem.,
Rutland.

A. FREDERICK PUTNAM, Treasurer.
Charlton.

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dr.

Balance on hand	$4.62
Fines and cards	7.01
Dog fund	136.55
	$148.18

Cr.

Paid F. E. Davis, librarian	$75.00
G. N. Briggs, exchange of books	25.00
For magazines	12.55
For express, postage, supplies	3.80
To the town	7.01
Revert to the town from Dog fund	24.00
	$147.36
Balance on hand	.82
Amount of Library Fund	$730.00

Contributors to the Library during the year: Miss Blanche Yeo, John Stone, Mrs. Walter Woodis, Eleanor Hubbell, Mrs. Henry Green, State Library Commission, Prof. H. P. Wright, J. Etta Bullard, J. H. O. Lovell, Minnie Rutherford, Emily Mellen, Rev. William A. Fobes, Woman's Education Association, Van Malcolm, Henry C. Fobes, Lynus Bacon, Miss Eunice Ayres, G. M. Dean, F. E. Davis, Y. P. S. C. E.,

Mrs. David Hallowell, Mrs. John P. Day.

Thanks are extended to all contributors.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
SARA E. BUTLER,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

During the year the Library has been open	86 days
Circulation for home use	2015
Largest number charged in one day	43
Smallest number charged in one day	8
Loaned for use in the public schools	100

These publications are found on the reading room table:—Technical World, McClure's, Harper's Weekly, Everybody's, Youth's Companion, Christian Herald, Good Housekeeping, Christian Endeavor World, Ladies' Home Journal, Farm Journal, Successful Farming, Temperance Cause, Appeal to Reason, Woman's National Weekly, Our Dumb Animals and Worcester Telegram.

The library has catalogued 2429 volumes.

Additions during the year:—

Title	Author.
Dave Porter and His Rivals	Stratemeyer
Panama and the Canal	Abbott
The Angels of Savonarola	Baird

Laddie	Porter
The Birds' Christmas Carol	Wiggin
Black Beauty	Sewell
Kilmeny of the Orchard	Montgomery
Johnny Blossom	Poulsson
Stories of Wm. Tell	Marshall
Fifty Famous Stories Retold	Baldwin
Thirty Famous Stories Retold	Baldwin
Old Mother West Wind	Burgess
Just so Stories	Kipling
The Young Farmer	Hill
Adventures of a Brownie	Mulock
A Little Girl of Long Ago	White
Hiawatha Primmer	Holbrook
The Pig Brother	Richards
Pinocchio	Cramp
The Story Hour	Wiggin
Children's Book of Christmas Stories	Dickinson
Thanksgiving	Schauffler
Captains Courageous	Kipling
Mother Carey's Chickens	Wiggin
The Boy Captive of Old Deerfield	Smith
Manuel in Mexico	McDonald
Through the Farmyard Gate	Poulsson
The Prodigal Judge	Kester
Soldiers of Oakham	Wright
When Mother Lets us Give a Party	Yale
Wild Flowers Every Child Should Know	Stack
Poems Every Child Should Know	Burt
The Training of Wild Animals	Bostock
Wigwag Stories	Judd

Trees That Every Child Should Know	Rogers
When Mother Lets Us Sew	Ralston
When Mother Lets Us Cook	Johnson
Little Folks of Many Lands	Chance
Gerda In Sweden	McDonald
T. Tembarom	Burnett
Woodcraft and Indian Lore	Seton
Book of Fairy Tales	Belasco
Boys' Book of New Inventions	Maule
Days and Deeds: Prose	Stevenson
Days and Deeds: Poetry	Stevenson
Class of 1868, Yale College	Wright
The African Abroad	Ferris
Voice Culture and Elocution	Ross
The Evolution of a Missionary	De Forest
St. Nicholas, 1904	
The Secret Garden	Burnett

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE
Cemetery Committee.

Receipts.

From Town Appropriation	$100.00
Perpetual care of lots	38.75
Individual care of lots	79.75
Individual contributions	41.55
	$260.05

Expenses.

Paid Edwin Green, Supt.	$146.80
F. E. Loring	31.38
W. H. Parkman	10.75
W. A. Nye	39.33
S. F. Woodis	11.00
J. P. Fairbank	17.25
G. S. Butler	3.45
	$259.96

Last year extensive improvements were made in the general appearance of our South Cemetery, by our efficient superintendent.

This year similar improvements have been made on the West cemetery.

Our cemeteries compare well in general appearance with those of adjoining towns.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN.
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,
MASON S. DEAN,

Cemetery Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, road commissioner, cemetery committee, tree and fire wardens, moth exterminator and library trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the collector and treasurer and found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,

Oakham, Jan. 11th, 1915 Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
School Committee

APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES

School fund, by estimate	$105000
Support of schools	1600.00
School Superintendent	60.00
Medical inspection	25.00
State return for school superintendent	187.50
Education of State children	16.00
Education of Boston children	117.50
High School tuition refunded	882.00
Education of Barre children	64.50
Education of North Brookfield children	7.50
	$4010.00

SCHOOL EXPENSES
SALARIES

Paid Superintendent R. I. Bramhall	$193.75
Miss F. E. Bothwell	289.00
Miss E. M. Braman	297.00
Mrs. Effie T. Swindell	270.00
Miss Madeline Earle	162.00
Miss Katherine Butler	140.00
Mrs. R. B. Dwelley	96.00
Miss M. E. O'Donnell	110.00
Miss C. D. Putnam	110.00
Miss Harriet Andrews	50.00
	$1717.75

SUPPLIES

Paid for supplies	$151.43

FUEL

Paid Wm. Gaffney	$16.50
Henry Stone	24.75
B. Butterfield	18.00
Edward Gaffney	.50
Miss F. E. Bothwell	11.25
J. N. Ball	4.00
	$75.00

TUITION

Paid Town of Barre	$500.00
Town of Hardwick	100.00
Town of Holden	180.00
Town of N. Brookfield	102.00
	$882.00

REPAIRS

Paid for repairs	$50.70

CARE OF HOUSES

Paid W. W. Russell	$45.37
Walter Tucker	12.00
Edward Gaffney	14.50
Mrs. Carpenter	10.00
	$81.87

CENSUS, SEPT. 1, 1914.

Boys between 5 and 7 years of age	11
Girls between 5 and 7 years of age	6
Boys between 7 and 14 years of age	37
Girls between 7 and 14 years of age	35

Boys between 14 and 16 years of age	5
Girls between 14 and 16 years of age	10
Illiterate males between 16 and 21	0
Illiterate females between 16 and 21	0
Total	104

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 4, 1915—Feb. 12, 1915	6 weeks
March 29, 1915—June 18, 1915	12 weeks
Sept. 6, 1915—Dec. 17, 1915	15 weeks
Jan. 3, 1916—Feb. 11, 1916	6 weeks
March 27, 1916—June 16, 1916	12 weeks

TRANSPORTATION

High school transportation	$868.05
East Hill transportation	126.00
Drawing teacher transportation	15.00
	$1009.05

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Paid Dr. Stickney, 1913-1914	$40.00
Dr. W. S. Bates, vaccination	2.50
	$42.50

SCHOOL CENSUS

Paid Jesse Allen for taking school census	$10.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid J. N. Ball	$ 4.00
Jesse Allen	49.50

Mrs. M. L. Woodis	12.00
	$65.50
Total	$4085.80

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE
Superintendent of Schools.

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1915.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:—

I take pleasure in submitting my second annual report as superintendent of your schools.

TEACHERS

During the year there have been two changes in the teaching force. Miss Putnam resigned to accept a position at home, and Miss O'Donnell resigned to attend the Fitchburg Normal School. I am glad that it has been possible to increase the salaries of two of the teachers during the year. With the present high cost of everything it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure teachers at a salary of $10., especially for only 33 weeks in the year. Several candidates refused to consider such offers this year. One principal of a Normal school wrote last July, "Two-thirds of the young ladies of the graduating class of 1914 have positions paying salaries of $11 or $12 a week; a $10 rate is the exception. Several receive $500 or more."

TEXT-BOOKS

During the year no important changes have been made in the text-books. Several supplementary readers for the primary grades have been introduced. A new series of geographical readers for the upper grades and textbooks on physiology and hygiene for the teachers have been provided. During the next year I recommend the purchase of a new series of arithmetics, sets of Lister's Manual of Penmanship for the primary grades, and Palmer's Manual for the upper grades, and reading books for the middle and upper grades.

Through the courtesy of the Librarian it has been possible

to have a shelf of library books in each room. This is a great help in many ways. A set of excellent pictures was loaned to the Center school last fall by the Library.

INDUSTRIAL CONTESTS

A number of the young people entered the contests in home economics and farming conducted by the Massachusetts Agricultural College in co-operation with the local Grange. It was very gratifying to learn that Edward O'Donnell won third prize in the potato contest. This will entitle him to a week at M. A. C. with all of his expenses paid. A Holden girl, thirteen years old, won third prize in the cooking contests, and at the recent exhibition in Worcester of work from all over the state she won first prize on cake and third prize on bread. I hope this local success will stimulate more to enter the contest this year. The Grange and its special committee are to be congratulated and thanked for the interest they have shown in this work.

REPAIRS

During the year additional blackboards have been provided for the Coldbrook school where the large enrollment made them an immediate necessity. Additional blackboard room should be provided at the South and West schools. The Coldbrook school ought to be painted this spring. If the interior is painted a light and delicate shade of gray the lighting will be greatly improved. The ceiling should be white or slightly tinted. Whenever the town can afford it, new floors ought to be laid at the Center school. The present floors are badly worn and full of cracks to hold the dust. I recommend that jackets be placed around the stoves in the three district schools. Five of the stoves in Holden are now equipped with jacketed stoves and in each case the heat-

ing and ventilating have been greatly improved.

The present conditions in the out-buildings at the Center are intolerable. I recommend that the present buildings be torn down and new ones built. They should be provided with cement vaults above ground.

SCHOOL DECORATION

There is a great opportunity for improvement in the appearance of our school property. All of the schools are in need of good engravings of suitable subjects to improve the appearance of the interior of the schools. The grounds could be much improved by the children themselves at no expense to the town by setting out shrubs and planting perennial vines and flower gardens. The agricultural college and the normal schools are offering to help in this work.

LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

I want to call your attention once more to the desirability of lengthening the school year to 36 weeks. Oakham can easily afford the additional expense. The experience of our graduates in the high schools of other towns shows the need of a longer school year.

NEW LEGISLATION

By an act of 1914, when a school committee elects a teacher who has served the town for the three previous consecutive years, it elects her to serve at the pleasure of the committee. No such teacher may be dismissed without 30 days' notice of the intention of the committee to vote on the question of her dismissal, nor until the superintendent has made his recommendations with regard to the proposed dismissal. If the teacher requests it, she must be given a statement by the school committee of the reasons why her dismissal is proposed. This tenure of office law is part of an attempt to remove the

teachers from the danger of removal because of petty whims or political pressure.

ATTENDANCE

I wish to call your attention especially to the statistics with regard to attendance. The records have been very high in Oakham this year. There have been some months when the attendance has been almost perfect in some of the schools. The attendance at the West school has been very much better than its average shows. The epidemic of measles there this fall lowered their record for the year.

In conclusion, I want to thank the school committee for their co-operation and support during the year. They have done many things to make the work more pleasant. I wish also to thank the teachers for their loyalty, devotion and interest in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT I. BRAMHALL,

Superintendent.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF NINTH GRADES,

Friday, June 12, 1914.

Program.

March Schools

Invocation	Rev. Albert H. Plumb
Song, "Peace"	School
Welcome	Warren Newton
Essay, "Peace"	Wm. Michael Gaffney
Song, "Out on the Deep"	Center Grammar School
Essay, "Some Insect Pests and How to Combat Them"	Douglas Sinclair Rutherford
Essay, "Scientific Forestry"	John Anthony Beechan
Song, "Killarney"	Edward Sullivan
Essay, "Economic Value of Birds"	Walter Elliott Howe
Essay, "Sports and their Relation to Health"	Thomas Joseph Moran
Song, "Welcome, Sweet Spring"	Schools
Farewell	George Walter Dean
Song "The King's Champion"	Schools
Presentation of Certificates	Dea. Jesse Allen
Class Song	
Benediction	Rev. Albert H. Plumb

ROLL OF HONOR, 1913-1914.

Nine Years:
George Dean

3 terms

Leslie Ensor, Corinne Fairbanks, Herbert Howe, Roy Howe, Grace O'Donnell.

2 terms

Gladys Stone, Orton Butler, Alexina Labonte, Ruth Morse, Beatrice Howe, Arline Prevost, Albert Briggs, Doris Bruce, Bernard Carpenter, Dorothy Newton, George Stone, Thomas Moran, William Gaffney, John Wilder.

1 term

Lavander Clifford, William Morse, Alfred Morse, Edward O'Donnell, Edith Plumb, Dorothy Day, Kenneth Pierce, Ethel Briggs, Malcolm Crawford, Joseph Bruce, Elmer Columb, Albert Eggleston, Lena Knight, Holbrook Prescott, Alla Carpenter, Bernice Carpenter, Harlen Boyd, Harry Boyd, Russell Chase, Arthur Messier, Frank Parkman, Laura Snay, Helen Gaffney, Myrtle Wilder.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1913—1914

School	Teacher	Preparation	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	No. of Visitors
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield High	$11	26	23	22	94	133
Primary	Ethel Bramna	Northfield	$11	25	20	19	95	114
Coldbrook	Catherine D. Putnam	Fitchburg Normal	$10	31	27	24	91	81
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	$10	13	12	11	96	90
West	May E. O'Donnell	Barre High	$10	14	13	12	96	76
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton	$4					
Drawing	Harriet B. Andrews	Normal Art	$5					
Totals			$61	109	95	88	94	494

1914—1915

Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell,	N. Brookfield High	$12	26	24	22	94
Primary	Ethel Braman	Northfield	$11	21	20	19	95
Coldbrook	Madeline Earle	Lowell Normal	$11	30	29	28	98
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	$10	12	11	10	95
West	Kathryn Butler	Worcester Normal	$10	17	15	12	82
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton	$4				
Totals			$58	106	99	91	93

Report of the School Physician.

Holden, Mass., Dec. 28, 1914.

Robert I. Bramhall, Supt. of Schools, Holden, Mass.,

My Dear Sir:—I beg to report that in the performance of my duties as School Physician of Oakham I have visited the schools of that town twice during the year closing. Conditions found were not less favorable than those of last year. There are still a few unvaccinated; a few cases of pediculosis; also a few cases of enlarged tonsils, and the usual list of minor ailments common among children of school age.

Yours respectfully,

C. W. STICKNEY, M. D.,

School Physician.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

Mr. R. I. Bramhall, Superintendent of Schools:—

Dear Sir:—The work in music has been conducted along the same lines as formerly. The time devoted to the work, unchanged.

As in every other study in the school course, individual attention must be given to the preparation of the lesson, and the recitation is made by the individual; so the same should be true in music and the child be encouraged to work individually in this as in every other branch.

In the first three grades note songs are being taught continually and all the individual help possible is given to the monotones. Rote songs are taught which are selected for their musical value as well as for the value of the thought and suggestions. Good rote songs stimulate and develop in the mind of the child a taste and love for good music.

The higher grades are doing creditable work in two and three part songs, we are studying selections from best composers and also study the lives of composers to a small extent.

The best results in school music depend largely upon the co-operation of the parent and grade teacher with the supervisor. Pupils, especially boys, need help to realize and really believe that music must be studied, not only as a subject in the school course but for the pleasure to be derived therefrom, now and in the future.

I take pleasure in acknowledging here the courtesy extended to me by the teachers; also, for the kindly reception and advances made by the children.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,

Supervisor of Music.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS. For the Year 1914.

BIRTHS

Jan. 31, daughter (Vivian Emily) to Oscar T. and Ida C. Loring.

Feb. 22, son (Richard Grimshaw) to Wallace H. and Mary E. Riley.

May 3, son (Alvyn Perycle) to Fabius W. and Rhoda L. Beckwith.

May 28, daughter (Katherine Edith) to Mitze and Edith M. George.

May 29, son (George Wilbur) to Wm. Harris and Louise H. Harris.

June 4, daughter (Mary Florence) to Mitchel and Georgianna Messier.

July 3, daughter (Mildred Laura) to Oliver W. and Etta S. Wilkins

Nov. 19, son (Warren Loring) to Elmer F. and Ella H. Willard.

Nov. 26, son (Ralph Cheney) to Clayton C. and Eva S. Adams.

MARRIAGES

April 29, Raymond Cilley to Althea E. Russell.

July 30, Henry W. Grimes to Evelyn M. Clifford.

Aug. 1, Archibald L. Daniels to Martha B. Malcolm.

Sept. 28, George H. Lackey to Marjorie Edson.

Oct. 5, Edwin Bullard to Florence A. Cole.

Oct. 10, Ralph I. Daniels to Leone Boyd.

Nov. 16, George H. Baldwin to Blanche A. Bemis.

Dec. 11, Clarence L. Grimes to Jennie H. Stevens.
Dec. 12, Gardner M. Dean to Susan E. Willis.

DEATHS

	Year	Mo.	Days
January 29, Mrs. Mary White	70		
April 2, Omer D. Tottingham	65	0	8
April 5, Mrs. Lilian C. Rutherford	42	2	4
April 11, Mrs. Alice S. Ferrin	38	4	22
August 11, Miss Laura G. Burt	66	3	12
August 16, Mrs. Ellen Chamberlain	65	1	30
August 20, Mrs. Ann D. Adams	90	1	5
October 16, George W. Stone	74	2	15
December 13, George Desper	72	0	3
Decemebr 22, Ralph C. Adams	0	0	27

BURIED IN TOWN

December 8, Henry M. Rood	61

Population, 552.
Number of voters, male, 134, female, 10.
Number of dogs licensed, 66, male 54, female, 12.
Number of hunter's licenses issued, 73.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the first day of February current, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator, to preside at all town meetings, except for the elections of State officers, during the coming year.

Article 2nd. To hear the annual reports of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee, Town Clerk for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers and six Constables, for one year. Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 6. To see what compensation the Town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their treasurer and collector.

Article 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current year, beginning January 1, 1915, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town thereof, payable within one year from date thereof, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18 of the Revised Laws.

Article 11. To see if the town will appoint some person to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see what provisions the town will make for lighting the streets the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same or pass any vote thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for Town Hall, town clock, and Library building for the ensuing year.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will

vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of the brown tail moth.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to provide for the compensating certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment, in accordance with Chap. 618, Acts of 1914, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise the salaries of the Selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) in conjunction with the state and county, for the purpose of extending the gravel road leading to the Rutland line.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational meeting house, in said town, seven days at least. before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Selectmen of Oakham.

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